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Informal Discovery Requests to Defendants

In general terms, Plaintiffs ask that Defendants provide them with two broad categories of information—information regarding Defendants' core business model and operational history, and information regarding Defendants' financial performance and current financial condition. Provision of the critical information in both categories is vital to any serious attempt to resolve Plaintiffs' claims.

Plaintiffs' business model and operational history requests are further subdivided into requests about (1) Defendants' mining activities; (2) the mining facilities they have used, are using, or plan to use in the future; (3) Defendants' cryptocurrency trading activities; and (4) Defendants' sale of Sale-Leaseback Securities and the financial obligations arising therefrom.

Plaintiffs' financial performance and financial condition requests are typical for a case of this type, focusing on Defendants' assets, liabilities, cash flow, organizational and ownership structure, and recurring expenses.

Plaintiffs are requesting relatively detailed information from Defendants; however, we note that: (1) the level of detail requested is necessary for Plaintiffs to obtain an accurate picture of NFN8's business and financial status in light of its repeated defaults and inconsistent explanations over time; (2) NFN8 should already maintain the overwhelming majority of the information requested in the ordinary course such that it should not be overly burdensome to assemble the requested material—much of which can be provided in spreadsheet form; and (3) until an appropriate protective order is entered in this case, Plaintiffs' will treat all information produced as "Classified" under standard form Confidentiality and Protective Order promulgated by the Austin Division of the Western District of Texas, and will disclose such information to their clients only as needed in connection with the provision of legal advice.

I. Business Model and Operational History

A. Mining Activities

- 1. For the past four years, identify all branded ASIC mining machines NFN8 has owned or controlled. For purposes of this request, "identify" includes, at minimum, the following information:
 - a) Brand and Model Number
 - b) Serial Number
 - c) Whether purchased new or used (If all were purchased new, a categorical representation to that effect is fine)
 - d) Algorithm (e.g., SHA-256, etc.)
 - e) Purchase and Delivery Dates
 - f) NFN8-related Purchasing Entity
 - g) Seller
 - h) NFN8's Purchase Price
 - i) Unit Status

- (1) Sale-Leaseback
- (2) Purchased for NFN8's own account
- (3) Other (describe)
- j) If not still owned/controlled by NFN8, disposition of the asset including date, sale price, and other relevant transaction data
- k) If still owned/controlled by NFN8, current status (operational and operating, operational but not operating, non-operational)
- l) Any customizations to firmware (does not include manufacturer firmware updates)
- 2. For any GPU, FPGA, or customized mining machine(s), provide the information requested in (1) above and also identify:
 - a) To the extent not implicit in initial identification, identify whether the machine in question is a GPU, FGPA, or other customized mining machine;
 - b) The cryptocurrency or cryptocurrencies it could mine
 - c) Effective terahash rate
 - d) Rated operational power consumption
- 3. Current and any past monitoring software used to monitor miners
- 4. For the past four years, identify all hosting facilities or locations associated with any cryptocurrency mining machine owned, operated, used, and/or planned by NFN8. For purposes of this interrogatory, "identify" includes, at minimum, the following information for each facility or location:
 - a) Physical address
 - b) Type of hosting arrangement (NFN8-owned, NFN8-controlled, colocation, etc.)
 - c) NFN8 operational date
 - d) If NFN8-owned or NFN8-controlled, maximum capacity, electricity vendor and electricity prices
 - e) If collocated or shared, name of host entity and hosting charge arrangements (\$ per kW/h or however denominated in relevant contract, including any contractual volume or duration adjustments)
 - f) Number of operational NFN8-controlled machines hosted over time by quarter
 - g) Current status (NFN8 actively using or not)
 - h) If not actively in use by NFN8, stop date and reason for stoppage.
 - i) If currently under construction, identify:
 - (1) Ownership structure (NFN8 solo project, joint venture, etc., with percentages)
 - (2) Total expected NFN8 investment broken down by major category
 - (3) Whether the facility is currently hosting operational units and how many operational units are currently being hosted

- (4) Firm or expected electricity costs per kWh (including name of provider, basic commercial terms of any contract or preliminary agreement)
- (5) Expected completion date

B. Trading Activities

- 1. For the past four years, produce all cryptocurrency wallets (whether hardware, virtual/hot, or paper).
- 2. To the extent not provided through your production in response to I.B.1 above, for the past four years, identify in detail your cryptocurrency mining and trading operations. For purposes of this interrogatory, "identify" includes, at minimum:
 - a) The relevant cryptocurrency or cryptocurrencies mined (e.g., BTC, ETH, Tether USDt, BNB, Solana, Dogecoin, etc.)
 - b) Whether NFN8 mined those cryptocurrencies alone, as part of mining pools, or both.
 - c) If NFN8 participates or participated in mining pools, identify both:
 - (1) all relevant pools; and
 - (2) NFN8's mining proceeds for each pool in which it has participated)
 - d) The quantity of each cryptocurrency NFN8 has mined alone, including the date(s) and amount(s) of any award(s) from the relevant cryptocurrency promoter.
 - e) To the extent not captured fully by c) and d) above, the total amount of each cryptocurrency NFN8 has received from mining activities, listed by currency.
 - f) All cryptocurrency exchanges or trading platforms on which NFN8 has or had a trading account (*e.g.*, Kraken, Pionex, Binance, Coinbase Exchange, etc.).
 - g) A full record of NFN8's trading activities, including a list of all transactions (including platform, currency, quantity, date, and trade price) and all transaction fees paid, however denominated.

C. Sale-Leaseback Activities

- 1. Identify the key commercial terms of each Sale-Leaseback or functionally similar security NFN8 has sold, including:
 - a) The number of miners NFN8 agreed to purchase on the investor's behalf and the purchase price investors were to pay for each unit;
 - b) The number and type of miners NFN8 actually purchased on the investor's behalf
 - c) The annualized rate of return in the relevant lease agreement;
 - d) The term of the lease agreement (including start and end date);

- e) Other than annualized rate of return, whether the terms of either the relevant Purchase Agreement or Lease Agreement differed materially from those under which Plaintiffs purchased the Sale-Leaseback securities
- f) For expired leases only, the ultimate disposition of the mining units (repurchased by NFN8 or returned to investor)
- 2. For the past four years, identify any and all sale-leaseback investors who are currently or who have ever been clients of New Standard IRA, LLC.
- D. Identify all miners sold by BlockOverstock.com, including make/model, serial number, date of sale, and sales price [If Defendants have sold all miners listed as sold in response to A. above through BlockOverstock.com and if BlockOverstock.com has sold no miners during the relevant time period other than those listed in response to A. above, Defendants can fully respond to this request by so noting.]

II. Financial Performance and Current Financial Condition

- A. Financial statements—indicating whether audited or unaudited—for all NFN8 entities, Rodriguez & Moore for the past four years, including:
 - 1. P&Ls
 - 2. Balance Sheets
 - 3. Statements of Cash Flows
- B. For the business entity defendants and NFN8 or NFN8-related entities not currently made Defendants in this matter, a list of all shareholders and the percentage ownership of each shareholder.
- C. For the individual Defendants, a list of all non-NFN8 business entities in which they have an ownership interest of any type (including the general nature of the business, the percentage of the individual Defendant's ownership interest and the identity of any co-owners).
- D. For the past four years, bank statements for all accounts for each of:
 - 1. The business entity Defendants;
 - 2. Any other NFN8 or NFN8-related entities not currently made Defendants in this matter; and
 - 3. Defendants Moore and Rodriguez
- E. Documentation for all indebtedness of any of the entities or individuals identified in response to II.D above.
- F. A list of all real property owned by any of the entities or individuals identified in response to II.D. above, including the following information:
 - 1. Description
 - 2. Purchase price

- 3. Value and basis for said value (tax value/appraisal, etc.?)
- 4. Any mortgage, liens, or other encumbrances on the property (including outstanding amounts owed where applicable).
- G. Information sufficient to determine the enterprise's recurring expenses including but not limited to:
 - 1. Salaries, average commissions, fees, etc. paid to non-Defendant employees, independent contractors or others.
 - 2. Rent/lease payments for non-mining facilities (office space, warehousing, etc.)
 - 3. Other overhead by category.
- H. A list of all distributions made to Moore and Rodriguez by any of the NFN8 entities in the last four years (including without limitation salaries, shareholder distributions, and loans to shareholders).
- I. A list fully identifying all accountants or bookkeepers (whether certified public accountants or otherwise) employed or retained by any entity or individual identified in response to II.D. above for the past four years including:
 - 1. Contact information
 - 2. Nature of engagement (employee, in-house independent contractor, retained outside accountant, etc.)
 - 3. Responsibilities/nature of duties
 - 4. Dates of employment/retention

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Gentlemen,

The attached spreadsheet provides a template for capturing much of the requested information. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

David

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Note: "NFN8 Purchase Price" refers to amount paid by NFN8 to buy the miner from the manufacturer or vendor.	

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Orange highlighted cells may require additional information. For example, if electricity or hosting prices have changed over the relevant time period, additional entries will be necessary. In addition, Plaintiffs request that Defendants break out their anticipated investment in new facilities by major estageny, and that they identify whether they have obtained firm electricity prices (and for how long) for those facilities as well.

Name

Current Locations

(If NFN8- (If Hosted
Controlled) /Collocated)
Average Electricity Average Hosting Electricity
Price (\$/kWh) Charges (\$/kWh) Provider

| Expected | Firm Anticipated Electric NFN8 Investment Costs Ownership

Future/ Planned Locations

Past Locations

	Sale Price
Lease End Post-Lease	Disposition
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Brand/Model	Purchased
Number of Miners	Actually Purchased
Investor Purchase	Price Per Unit
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Sales Price

Date of Sale

Model

Serial Number

Block Overstock Sales

Brand